

**Regular Meeting of City Council  
New Ellenton City Hall  
Monday, April 15, 2024 7:00 PM**

**WORK SESSION** 5:00 pm

1. Discussion : 2024-205 Budget

**WELCOME:** Mayor Kimberly Williams

**INVOCATION:** Councilwoman Elvira Johnson-Holley

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:** All Stood

**COUNCIL ROLL CALL:**

**Council Present:** Kimberly Williams; Carl Culpepper, III; Geneva S. Jackson; Ashley Morgan; Ricky Foster; James Anderson; Elvira Johnson-Holley

**Council Not Present:** N/A

**COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC:**

**\*James Anderson-**Introduced new employee Jessica Weathersbee, Director of Parks, Recreation, and Tourism. Addressed Mr. Pat Casper, Soccer Coach, met with him in hopes of adding Soccer program to New Ellenton Youth Sports in the Fall.

**\*Jason Morgan(Streets/Roads Supervisor)-**SRS Safety Expo week of April 22<sup>nd</sup> event is closed to the public. 50 sprinkler heads replaced at Sewer Plant. Umbrella and picnic table installed at park. Chipper down for one week in shop.

**Debra Creeh(Christ Central)-**Thank you council for your support. We have been providing Community Service for individuals with misdemeanors for the court system of Myrtle Beach. Also, Silver Bluff High School Beta Club providing community service hours. SC Thrive providing resources for seniors and financial health resources. See attached flyers.

**Chief Joshua Solomon-**see attached report. Accepting applications for certified Officer Class 1, May 20<sup>th</sup> close posting. Need better security camera system due to vandalism at Farmer's Market.

**Chief Mike Kellems-**153 calls for service. 50% more calls for service than last year. Will attend Legislative Day for Fire Fighters Association. Truck order to take 22-24 months to build and delivery in 2026. Ordered unique equipment for EV cars a fire blanket for multiple uses.

**APPROVAL OF COUNCIL MINUTES:**

Regular Council Meeting March 18, 2024

*Motion to approve: Carl Culpepper III*

*2<sup>nd</sup> to the motion: Elvira Johnson-Holley*

*There was a unanimous vote in favor of approval*

**OLD BUSINESS:**

**NEW BUSINESS:**

1. Approval of payment plan for sewer taps for those with a financial need  
Carl Culpepper III – increase to sewer tap fee from \$600 to \$2000. Current resident pays \$600 down payment and \$1400 balance to be paid in 24 months added to water bill.  
Customer must sign an agreement to terms.  
*Motion to approve: Carl Culpepper III*  
*2<sup>nd</sup> to the motion: Rickey Foster*  
*There was a unanimous vote in favor of approval*
2. Vote to affirm the zoning official's decision to approve allowing multi-family housing on Tap Map Parcel 141-17-04-001 at the corner of Meeks Avenue and Main Street  
Kenny Cook- Trailer park left of Post Office, received a zoning permit application to build apartment homes. Area is zoned highway commercial and under section for conditional use permit would be approved. City doesn't have to go before Board and wants to get Council to affirm approval.  
*Motion to approve: Ricky Foster*  
*2<sup>nd</sup> to the motion: Carl Culpepper III*  
*There was a unanimous vote in favor of approval*

**COMMENTS FROM MAYOR & COUNCIL:**

Elvira Johnson-Holley and Geneva Jackson went to 64<sup>th</sup> Annual SRP Federal Credit Union Meeting at the Convocation Center. No exact date for New Ellenton SRP branch.

\***Kenny Cook (Administrator)** O'Reilly's Auto Parts store, zoning permit approved for signs.

\***Elvira Johnson-Holley**- Aiken Senior Life Services, 5311 Program transportation services.

\***Ashley Morgan**- May 2<sup>nd</sup> Music in the Market 5-8pm, there is still time to sign up.

\***Elvira Johnson-Holley**- Project Vision for 62 or older, disabled, or single parent. Program repairs homes for free, will also help build handicap ramp.

\***Geneva Jackson**- This month's Committee meeting we discussed the Junk Car Ordinance and the changes that need to be made. Committee Cleanup Day will partner with Four Mile Baptist Church in the Greendale area and Dumpster Depot. Asking community to inform City Hall if they have a particular area that needs attention. Inviting Planning Commission to attend committee meetings and meetings are open to the public and are on our website.

**ADJOURNMENT**

*Motion to approve: Geneva S. Jackson*

*2<sup>nd</sup> to the motion: Carl Culpepper, III*

*There was a unanimous vote in favor of approval*

**EXECUTIVE SESSION: N/A**

**INFORMATION:**

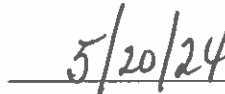
**Supporting materials attached:**

Ordinance No. 1-16-24

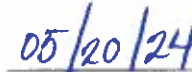
Exhibit A

Council Goals

  
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Mayor Signature

  
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Date

  
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City Clerk Signature

  
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Date



**Healthy Connections Prime** combines all the benefits of Medicare and Healthy Connections Medicaid under a single plan to make it easier for you to get health services. This program eliminates insurance premiums, costs for doctor visits, hospital stays and drug copays. Also, it provides a personal care coordinator, a care team, and services to help seniors stay home longer.



**Medicare Savings Program (MSP)** helps you pay for some or all of your Medicare premiums, deductibles, coinsurance, copayments, prescription drug coverage costs. There are four different Medicare Savings Programs, each with varying income and resource eligibility limits. This program will not impact your Medicare Advantage Plans or Supplements.



**Healthy Connections Medicaid Long Term Care** provides you support and services. Nursing home care covers a variety of services at nursing facilities. Community-Long Term Care allows you to stay in your home and receive needed assistance.



**Elderly Simplified Application Project (ESAP)** allows you to easily apply for the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP). SNAP helps you increase your grocery budget by allowing you to buy food at grocery stores, farmers markets, and more. You could qualify for ESAP if your household members do not have earned income and do not already receive SNAP benefits.

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SC Thrive helps South Carolinians navigate the complex systems of available benefits, so those in need can live healthy, stable lives. Learn more about SC Thrive and other resources at [scthrive.org](http://scthrive.org).

## RESOURCES FOR SENIORS



### Make your best years count!

Calling all seniors and caretakers! There are multiple benefits that you or your loved one may qualify for. SC Thrive can help you connect to these senior resources:

- Healthy Connections Prime
- Medicare Savings Program (MSP)
- Healthy Connections Medicaid Long Term Care
- SNAP's Elderly Simplified Application Project (ESAP)

### How can you connect to SC Thrive?



1

Call SC Thrive Monday - Friday from 8:30 AM - 5:00 PM at **800.726.8774** to get help over the phone.



2

Visit an SC Thrive Partner Site near you to connect in-person.

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## A penny saved is a penny earned!

Understanding all the free financial resources available to your family can be overwhelming, and we are here to help. Gain knowledge on strategies to manage your money with SC Thrive's financial health resources.

### Financial Resources Available:



**1** Financial Health Trainings



**2** Free Budgeting Worksheets



**3** Free Tax Filing



**4** Temporary Assistance for  
Needy Families (TANF) &  
Other Benefits & Resources

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### Financial Health Trainings

Learn how to understand your finances, set spending goals, and plan your future savings using our financial health resources. Register for upcoming trainings at [scthrive.eventbrite.com](https://scthrive.eventbrite.com). Topics discussed in these free trainings include:

- Financial Health 101
- Credit & Credit Reporting
- Debt & Financial Recovery
- Saving for College
- Retirement Planning



### Free Tax Filing

Get your entire state and federal tax refund back with no unexpected fees when you file using Thrive Hub. If you qualify, you can file your taxes online or at various tax clinics throughout the state. Visit [scthrive.org/filetaxes](https://scthrive.org/filetaxes) to find details and get started.



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If you are part of a family with children that meets certain income limits, you may be eligible for cash assistance, employment training, childcare, and other supportive services through TANF. Contact **800.726.8774** to apply over the phone.



### Other Financial Resources

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- Spending Plan Worksheets
- Financial Health Blogs
- Tax Filing Checklist

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